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LB 883, 999

advance.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 999. Is Senator Marsh here this morning?

CLERK: No.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

CLERK: (Read title.) The bill was read on January 16, referred to Education Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members. LB 999 was brought to the Education Committee by Senator Marsh. What the bill does is it requires teachers or students in educational institutions to wear appropriate industrial quality eye protective devices while participating in the vocational courses; then the vocational courses are spelled out in the bill. We were told in committee that in practically all cases this is being done right now. You might notice that there was one person who opposed the bill as a member of the profession of industrial arts supervisors, but his opposition was not that the bill was bad idea, it was more in concern of what the liability might be on him as an instructor. It was pointed out to the committee by our legal counsel, and to this gentleman as well, that the liability is there already if in fact they don't require one of their students to wear an eye protective device. So the intent of the bill is that our students would be protected by wearing eye protective devices. There were a number of people, ophthalmologist and others, that testified in support of that. The committee agreed that that certainly should be a high priority to protect their vision, therefore, I would ask for the advancement of LB 999.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members. I certainly